**Telephone Connection in U.P.**

843. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for telephone connections pending in each district of U.P. since, 1989;

(b) what is the number of tele phone connection likely to be pro vided in each district during the cur rent year;

(e) what is the number of telephone connections sanctioned out of turn since 1989 by his Ministry; and

(d) what is the time schedule fixed to take .action *on* the remaining applications pending for telephone con-aections?

THE MINISTER OP STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) Information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) As per Eighth Plan objectives the waiting period for telephone connections will be contained to two years in large telephone system and telephones will be provided practically on demand in rural and tribal areas. Expansion plans for Uttar Pradesh are being made accordingly.

**Post and Telegraph Office in Faridabad**

846. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no post or telegraph office in or near about Sector 29, Housing Board Colony of HUDA in Faridabad;

(b) whether the residents have to go to Old Faridabad Sub-Post Office to buy postage articles;

(c) whether for sending telegr am, they have to travel a distance of more than three Knot,; and

(d) if answer to (a), (b) and (c) above are in the positive, whlat action Government propose to remove the difficulties of the residents and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a), (b) and (d)

Post *Offices;*
Yes, Sir.

Though a Departmental Sub Poet Office has been sanctioned on 10-4-93 it could not be opened so far due to non-availability of a suitable building on rent in spite of best effort made to secure a rented building for housing the Sub Post Office on its opening. Still all out efforts are being made to find out a suitable building for the Sub Post Office at Sector 29, Faridabad.

*Telegraph Office:* (a)

Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. For sending.telegram*, the residents of Sector 29 Housing Board Colony of HUDA in Faridabad can go to Railway Road Post and Telegraph Office, within 3 Kms. of Sec. tor 29.

(d) Does not arise.

**Telephone facility in Gram Panchayats of Assam**

847. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJ-UMDAR: Will the Minister of COM MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide telephone to gram Panchayats in Assam;